

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claims 1 and 7 as follows. Kindly add new claims 13-17. A detailed listing of all claims is as follows.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display panel having first and second substrates, the method comprising the steps of:

forming a first and second orientation films on the first and second substrates, respectively;

forming a seal material at edges of the first substrate;

assembling the first and second substrates with each other;

performing a first pressurizing and heating process on the first and second substrates to form a first cell gap;

injecting a liquid crystal material into the first cell gap;

performing a second pressurizing and heating process on the first and second substrates to form a second cell gap, wherein the second heating process is sufficient to soften the seal material, the second pressurizing and heating process applies a greater pressure and a higher temperature to the first and second substrates than the first pressurizing and heating process, and the second cell gap is narrower than the first cell gap; and
sealing the second cell gap.

Claim 2 (Original): The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of sealing the first cell gap before the step of performing the second pressurizing and heating process.

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the first cell gap is at least 5 μm .

Claim 5 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the second cell gap is at least 4 μm .

Claim 6 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of sealing is performed by using a thermoplastic resin.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display panel having first and second substrates, the method comprising the steps of:

- assembling the first substrate with the second substrate;
- performing a first pressurizing and heating process on the assembled substrates to have a first cell gap;
- injecting a liquid crystal material into the first cell gap;
- performing a second pressurizing and heating process on the substrates to have a second cell gap, wherein the second heating process is sufficient to soften the seal material, the second pressurizing and heating process applies a greater pressure and a higher temperature to the first and second substrates than the first pressurizing and heating process, and the second cell gap is narrower than the first cell gap;

sealing the second cell gap; and

cutting the sealed panel into a unit cell.

Claim 8 (Original): The method according to claim 7, further comprising the step of sealing the first cell gap before the step of performing the second pressurizing and heating process.

Claim 9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (Original): The method according claim 7, wherein the first cell gap is at least 5 μm .

Claim 11 (Original): The method according to claim 7, wherein the second cell gap is at least 4 μm .

Claim 12 (Original): The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of sealing is performed by using a thermoplastic resin.

Claim 13 (New): A method of fabricating a liquid crystal display panel having first and second substrates, the method comprising the steps of:

forming a first and second orientation films on the first and second substrates, respectively;

forming a sealing pattern on the first substrate;

assembling the first and second substrates facing each other with the seal pattern therebetween;

performing a first pressurizing and heating process on the first and second substrates, such that the first and second substrates are bonded to each other and the seal pattern is set to a first height, thereby forming a first cell gap;

injecting a liquid crystal material into the first cell gap;

performing a second pressurizing and heating process on the first and second substrates after the injection of the liquid crystal material, such that the seal pattern is set to a second height, thereby forming a second cell gap, wherein the second height is smaller than the first height; and

sealing the second cell gap.

Claim 14 (New): The method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of sealing the first cell gap before the step of performing the second pressurizing and heating process.

Claim 15 (New): The method according claim 13, wherein the first cell gap is at least 5 μm .

Claim 16 (New): The method according to claim 13, wherein the second cell gap is at least 4 μm .

Claim 17 (New): The method according to claim 13, wherein the step of sealing is performed by using a thermoplastic resin.